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AN EVIDENCE OF "FAIRNESS."

When the City Commissioners and the Council voted last Monday to award the contracts for the East Market street pavement to the highest bidders, the Democrat supposed that the Dobson paper would try to make political capital out of the matter, in spite of the fact that just as many Republican officials as Democrats were parties to the action.

The Democrat did not expect the Beacon to be fair enough to recognize the equal division of political responsibility in the matter, but we did not believe that it would deliberately attempt, in the very face of the records, to falsify the position of the officials who had the courage to oppose the granting of the contracts. But in this we were disappointed.

The Beacon concluded a column editorial last night with the following statement:

"Then the Democrat tries to prove that Mr. Paul is to be saved from the ignominy into which the vote of the Council has plunged its members by saying that he opposed the contracts. The Democrat lied when it says he voted against them, for Mr. Paul's 'aye' was just as plain on the roll call as was that of Mr. Brady. Mr. Paul cannot escape the consequences of his vote in any such manner. Neither can the Democratic Council as a whole. Its action this week has set the seal of doom upon its fate. The people cannot stand its rottenness any longer."

This gross libel upon Mr. Paul was so well refuted at the meeting of the East Market street citizens last evening, when men of both political parties gave him public credit for having spoken and voted in Council against the granting of the contracts, that it calls for no added refutation at our hands. Mr. Paul makes his own statement in another column, and the Democrat believes that the people will take his word in preference to Dobson's. City Commissioner McGarry, who also opposed the granting of the contract, and who stated his reasons for having voted in the affirmative after having been voted down by his colleagues upon every proposition intended to delay the matter until the property owners could have an opportunity to express their wishes in the meeting, was also set right before the meeting of the property owners last night.

Thus, eliminating the votes of Messrs. Paul and McGarry, who did all they could to prevent the granting of the contracts, we find that the following officials voted to award the contracts to the highest bidders:

Democrats.	Republicans.
Paige.	Crisp.
Brady.	McMillen.
Amer.	Carleton.
Brodt.	Homan.
Spiegel.	Sorrick.
Merr.	Brown.
Fieberger.	Markle.

Here then we have seven Democrats and seven Republicans who supported the contracts as an equal division of political responsibility. And Mr. Fieberger was the only one among this number who had the manliness to face



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his constituents in defense of his vote at their meeting last night.

The Democrat does not defend a single one of the Democratic officials whose votes put these outrageous contracts upon the people. They are in all respects as much to blame as their Republican colleagues, and the Democrat has so announced heretofore.

But the Dobson paper, night after night since the awarding of the contracts, has been trying to place the whole blame upon the Democratic officials. And not content with this, it has deliberately misstated the positions of Messrs. Paul and McGarry.

The people need no suggestion from the Democrat to enable them to get at the Dobson paper's motive for its unfair attack upon the Democratic officials. The all too evident plan is to hide the Republican officials equally at fault in the dust raised by attacking their Democratic colleagues. If all or a majority of the officials whose votes granted the contracts against which the people protest had been Republicans, would the Beacon have lifted its voice in protest? Would it not have remained silent, just as it did not long ago, while the local telephone monopoly was grabbing the people's rights?

At the same time that the property owners of East Market street were holding an indignation meeting at the Chamber of Commerce rooms last night, another indignation meeting was going on in another quarter of the city. The last named meeting was attended exclusively by Republicans and the object of indignation was none other than the Hon. A. J. Rowley. It was unanimously voted that Mr. Rowley has infused altogether too much life into the local Republican campaign for Justices of the Peace to be of comfort to those whose interests are at stake, and his headstrong determination to kick over the East Market street contract job without even so much as consulting the local Republican Machine politicians, was also the subject of much indignation. Indeed, there is indignation to burn around the local Republican headquarters. But Rowley has said, in the classical language of the Hon. D. B. Hill: "I am out of politics; I am practicing law now."

The citizens of Akron who want to get all the local news, with the guarantee that it is accurate and free from partisan coloring, are reading the Democrat. The Beacon Journal was never made to stoop to such a small thing as deliberately falsifying the report of a Council meeting until Dobson got in control and thought he could turn a disgraceful trick against a Democratic public official. The Beacon's attempt to make its readers believe that Councilman Paul voted in favor of awarding the East Market street contracts to the highest bidder, when Mr. Paul, as a member of the Street Committee, presented a minority report in favor of granting the contracts to the highest bidder, and in spite of the fact that the City Clerk's records show that Mr. Paul voted against the contracts as awarded, is one of the smallest pieces of Dobsonian journalism with which the ex-Democratic carpet-bagger has ever disgraced the self-respecting citizens of Akron. Unless this particular Dobsonian misrepresents in favor of Mr. Paul, we miss our guess.

"This is not individual business; it is city business," remarked City Commissioner McMillen when asked at Council meeting Monday night if, in his private business, he would award a contract to the highest bidder, instead of the lowest bidder. The increase of the general indebtedness of Akron from nothing in 1892 to \$1,500,000 in 1900, shown in part the effect of administering the local government upon the line indicated by Mr. McMillen. The city officials who have two standards of

business principles, one for use in private, the other public, business, is unfit to hold so important a public office as that of Commissioner.

One of the taxpayers who attended the meeting of East Market street property owners last night remarked that he hoped the action of the City officials last Monday night would teach the citizens of Akron the propriety of organizing a permanent league to scrutinize all local legislation affecting their interests. This is an excellent suggestion and the very thing for which the Democrat has been contending ever since the Citizens' Committee was organized. Many of the mistakes that are made by City officials are due to the indifference of the people to what their officials do.

A party organ which has been notorious in its failure to criticize the public officials of its own party, when they do wrong, is in a very poor position to criticize the mistakes of public officials belonging to any other party. The citizens of Akron do not have to seek farther than the Dobson paper of Akron to find an unexcelled example of this inconsistent policy.

Councilman Paul demanded of the Beacon today that it correct its deliberate misstatement of his position in regard to the East Market street contracts. Mr. Dobson will either rectify the statement or, he may have to go to carpet-bagging again.

The obligation is not upon the local Democratic organization to call for the fool-killer when orthodox Republicans, of their own volition, place ammunition into Democratic hands.

If anybody knows the real name or complexion of the gentlemen in the woodpile, they will confer a favor upon the East Market street property owners by making it public.

Name your man, Mr. Rowley, and give Dobson a rest.

CITIZENS.

(Continued from second page.)

ket st., and if there's a 'nigger in the woodpile' smoke him out. There is collusion in this matter or those bids would never have been so high."

Speaking further, Mr. Wannamaker said that the throwing of J. J. McGowan's bid out by reason of his not having filed a sample of block asphalt, was inconsistent. "The New Castle Asphalt Trust filed samples of asphalt for the contractors, and if McGowan's bid is deficient technically, owing to this particular feature, so are all the others."

Mr. Rowley then remarked that a Cleveland contractor told him that he was supplied with asphalt at 30 cents a yard less than the figures submitted to Akron for the same material.

"I want to say that Mr. Rowley has a number of cards up his sleeve, that will be submitted as a great surprise when the right time comes. It is important that every property owner on East Market street assist in upholding Mr. Rowley's hands in his injunction proceedings against this city," interposed Mr. Wannamaker.

President Barber, upon motion made and carried to appoint a committee to prepare resolutions, expressing the sentiment of the property owners in this matter, named the following gentlemen: A. J. Rowley, R. M. Wannamaker, E. E. Otis.

As a suggestion to the committee on resolutions of what is wanted, Mr. Wannamaker presented the following motion, which was carried:

"It is the sense of this meeting that the action of the Commissioners and Council in letting contracts for the paving of East Market st., is unwarranted, unbusiness-like and unlawful, and that we give our heartiest support to the action now pending in Common Pleas court, seeking to perpetually restrain the city authorities and contractors from proceeding in the contract."

The object of the meeting was stated briefly by Mr. Wannamaker, and upon his suggestion, President Barber called upon Mr. Rowley for further explanation, relating to the position

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taken by property owners against this city.

Mr. Rowley described the mysterious action of the Board of Commissioners in its throwing out bids, and recommending the awarding of contracts to highest bidders, the rapidity with which the matter was railroaded through Council, the lightning-like speed observed in the signing of contracts by the Board and contractors immediately upon the adjournment of Council last Monday night, and the dictatorial movement of the Board in opposition to the decisions of the City Solicitor, relating to his opinions of the legality of bids thrown out.

He referred to the following legal bids:

Bid of the Gilsonite Paving and Roofing company, for sheet asphalt, \$25,000 less than the bid of the Barber Asphalt company, and \$13,000 less than any bid for block asphalt. Bid of Gilsonite company rejected, and bid of Barber company, \$25,000 higher, accepted as legal. Gilsonite bid rejected because the bidder didn't state what provisions he would make for private repairs.

All computations were made from the bids of the Barber Asphalt company, for sheet asphalt, and that of J. J. McGowan for block, but later Mr. McGowan's bid was thrown out, by reason of his not having filed a sample of block asphalt.

At the first meeting held by the Board, the bid of Mr. McGowan was considered legal and P. T. McCourt's bid was rejected on a defect in "technicality." The next movement was the throwing out of McGowan's bid, and the accepting of McCourt's.

Figures of bids were given as follows:

From High st. to Buchtel av.—Gilsonite Roofing and Paving company, (sheet), \$39,370.70; J. J. McGowan,

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(block), \$61,300.30; P. T. McCourt, (block), \$63,955.55.

From Buchtel av. to Case av.—Gilsonite company, (sheet), \$26,000; for block, J. J. McGowan, \$31,376.96; H. G. Herring, \$33,670.28; James J. Wildes & Sons, \$33,926.37.

The bids of P. T. McCourt and James J. Wildes & Sons were accepted.

Mr. Rowley said the profit that could be made from J. J. McGowan's bid would exceed \$10,000.

Councilman Fieberger was the only member of that body present, and Commissioner McGarry was the only representative of the Board. Remarks were made by both.

Mr. Fieberger stated that the Council could act only as a legislative body, and that its business was to take action on matters referred to the body by the Commissioners; that the Commissioners were the executive body, and by them all contracts were made.

He said that all the bids received for the paving of East Market st. were not reported to Council; that all rejections of East Market st. bids had been made by the Board, without its having consulted Council.

"Mr. Paul," he continued, "voted against the awarding of contracts to P. T. McCourt and James Wildes & Sons, because they were not the lowest bidders. He voted against this at the joint meeting of the Commissioners and Street Committee of Council and presented the minority report to Council. Council accepted the majority report, desiring not to delay improvements on East Market st. any longer. Mr. Paul's position was misrepresented in an Akron paper tonight and I want to place him right before the people."

Mr. McGarry stated that he had presented a motion to hold over for a week the awarding of the contracts, hoping thus to avert the awarding of the contracts to highest bidders. He stated that Council had only two bids submitted to it, and that the permitting of the Street Committee of Council to vote with the Board in this matter was only a courtesy, as Councilmen had no rights of an executive nature.

"Mr. McGarry," asked Mr. Rowley, "didn't you think those bids were too high?"

"I did," was Mr. McGarry's reply. "That was what caused you to make a motion to delay the awarding of contracts, wasn't it?" continued Mr. Rowley.

Mr. McGarry responded: "That was my principal reason, though I had other reasons, of which I will not speak at this time. I finally voted for the contracts in order to be in a position to vote for reconsideration."

Hon. J. Park Alexander declared that the Commissioners had acted unlawfully in accepting or rejecting bids, without Council's having concurred. He said that the Board's duty was to report all bids received to Council.

Meeting adjourned to meet at call of president.

GEN. VORIS

Lectured in G. A. R. Hall Friday Night.

Buckley Post G. A. R. held an open meeting Friday night. The members were agreeably surprised by the ladies of the Woman's Relief corps, who,

after having assembled, presented the veterans with a handsome altar cloth. The presentation speech was made by Miss Emma Danforth.

General A. C. Voris, delivered a lecture upon the "Battle of Winchester." The general took an active part in the battle and told his experiences under fire. About 100 people were present. The ladies served coffee and sandwiches and the evening passed pleasantly.

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Council—J. B. RUTHERFORD.
School Board—JULIUS E. WILHELM.

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